HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 10, 7:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairwoman Ald. Shaneka Henson; Committee Members - Ald. Elly Tierney, Ald. Marc Rodriguez, Terri Bond; City Liaison-Theresa Wellman; Recorder - Maria Brown.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. The minutes of March 13, 2019 were unanimously approved.

Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Update

The proposed budget includes \$15,000 for LEP (\$10,000 to implement the program and \$5,000 for the citywide call service). Adriana Lee is waiting for the rest of the surveys to be returned. The City has already translated the new recycling videos. Ald. Rodriguez stated that the money introduced in the budget is not the full scope of what will be required for a successful program. They will be pushing for a training component. Ald. Tierney suggested that marketing MPDU's should be a part of this program.

CDBG Funding

The Action Plan (dated 4/9/19) is in draft form because we still have not received our allocation, however, HUD is requiring us to move forward in the process. Theresa Wellman provided a copy of the Plan which included funds that we currently have available, program income, FY2020 grant requests, and recommendations for awarding those grants (*see attached*). Habitat for Humanity is not included to receive grant money because there is another funding source that can be used to fund the request.

The grant process requires the City to provide a 30-day comment period and a public hearing. Typically, the process is due by May 15 but no later than August.

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After review and discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the drafted Action Plan with the following caveat:

Approve the Action Plan as proposed with the caveat that if we get more for Public Services, funds would increase for OIC and Center of Help to bring them more in line with the \$15,000 being allocated to OHLA, and the rest would be allocated to the other non-profits proportionately. Decreased funds would be handled proportionately.

If more is allocated for Capital Projects, additional funds would be given to Homes for America and we would fund Habitat. If money is left over after that, that money can be added to the Rehab program. If no additional funds are received, the allocations will stay as proposed in the Action Plan. Homes for America will be priority since we can fund Habitat with other monies. The Committee will review the Action Plan again if the actual funds received are more or less than expected. At this time, we do not know when we might receive these funds.

Theresa Wellman suggested that next year the Committee review the requests received before the requests are presented by the organizations.

MPDU Legislation

Three aldermen are currently drafting this legislation to be presented to the Council soon.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Maria R. Brown

Respectfully submitted,

Recorder